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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21,23-26 and 28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application contains allowed generic claims and as such the provisional election requirement has been withdrawn. The application has been amended to include the text of the previously withdrawn original claims 5-9 (text omitted by applicants in all claim amendment submissions subsequent to the original filing) as follows:

--Claim 5 (original). The device of claim 1, wherein the brace member comprises a U-bolt.

Claim 6 (original). The device of claim 5, wherein the socket portion includes a receiver portion that receives a corresponding portion of the U-bolt and permits the U-bolt to move about the axis of the corresponding portion relative to the socket portion.

Claim 7 (original). The device of claim 6, including a securing member that secures a terminal end of the elongated load bearing member against an outer surface on the socket portion.

Claim 8 (original). The device of claim 7, wherein the securing member comprises a spring clip.

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Claim 9 (original). The device of claim 8, wherein the spring clip includes a plurality of slots for receiving a portion of the U-bolt as the U-bolt is moved relative to the socket portion.--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Daniel P. Stodola at telephone number (571) 272-7087.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel P. Stodola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

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